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LET IT SNOW

Old Mother Nature appears to be doing her very best for the farmers of this county although some hampering conditions impair the perfection of her efforts. Nearly every day some sort of moisture falls, snow or rain or may be something that might be called hail or sleet, but no time since fall has it really turned loose the floods we would like to have. A dry land farmer feels about rain as a pig feels about milk or corn. His soil may have all it can hold but still he will pray for just another little shower—that is, if it be at the proper time of year.

It so happens that at the first of the year we had our normal supply of water since the first of September, maybe a point or two over or under the exact figures, but just about normal. Many's the time we have less. Yet, meet a farmer and he asks if the cloudy skies portend that big snow the elders talk about and the children wish they could see just once. They won't be happy, these wheat growers, until the gray skies deliver great feathery flakes that cover the ground at least to the second wire on the fences.

The ground does need a soaking, sure enough and a snow would do it if it was our grandfathers kind of a snow. One that blocked the roads and brought out the snow plows and the steaming teams; that stopped the fleeting traffic on the highway and caused people to stay at home on their own resources for entertainment; that made necessary deep trails to the barn, the henhouse, the smokehouse and out to the mail box if it didn't stop the representative of Uncle Sam altogether. So now, Mother Nature, here is our written consent. Go ahead and snow.

MONEY, MONEY

Somehow we doubt if it makes much difference whether the president asks for eight billion. Government financing has gotten beyond the ken of the ordinary man anyway and the difference between one billion and two is just the difference in the mark at the beginning of the figure. If one had begun to put out a dollar a minute way back when people were fighting in the wildernesses of Europe and the first Christian missionaries were setting out from Rome he would just be finishing the job of passing out the federal budget for the coming year.

Some time it seems that the government authorities themselves do not comprehend the magnitude of the sums to be spent. Perhaps it will not be until the next generation it will be realized—when the bills begin to come in. On a per capita basis the government budget would take nearly as much money from this county as the total cost of school, city and state governments. It's a lot of fun to spend it, though. And it grows on one too, this expensive way of living. Back in the twenties cities and towns and school districts and individuals spent and spent and spent till they woke up to find it wouldn't work and that they were all broke. Now the federal government is engaged in the same sort of an orgy, hoping, perhaps that it will work if tried on a big enough scale.

Herbert Hoover has been made a director of a life insurance company. That seems to be the eventual end of ex-presidents.

There is said to be a job waiting list of 8000 for government elect Martin. Yet there must have been some who voted for him who haven't and don't intend to ask for a job.

How and why does General Johnson stay with the administration when he disagrees with so many of the things it is apparently trying to do? He doubts the monetary policy, believes NRA a failure and thinks much of it must be changed.

Next Monday it starts. Of course, it's the Oregon Legislature. One member has already said that perhaps the state would be better off if they were kept at home, but we hope they can at least justify their existence. The laws need changing in some places, although no two agree on where or how. It will be the greatest most tumultuous, hardest working and other superlative kinds of legislature while it is going on and just another session after it closes, probably.

This planning business may turn out to be a lot of fun. First the national government tried it, now the state and we are already talking about county and city planning. Sherman county may as well get its feet wet in this project as soon as possible and get it over with. It will be good fun these winter evenings arguing with each other about our resources and how we shall expend and conserve them. It might even be better than bridge.

The comic stripe artists will have to turn on an extra amount of steam to compete with the thirty some state legislatures and congress for the next sixty days

Grass Valley

Miss Trounce will be bringing her big linen tablecloth to Grass Valley and Moro this week end.

Mrs. W. E. Garrett remains very ill at her home here.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Samuel Twest December 29 at the H. O. Dugger home southeast of town.

J. W. Shepard is ill at his home causing the postponement of the council meeting.

George Wilcox and wife drove to Portland Monday for a day in the big city. They returned Tuesday evening. During their absence Glendora Garrett was behind the counter in the drug store.

Mrs. F. B. Strange, mother of Mrs. Matt Simon, is visiting here from her home in Portland.

Jack Gervais has to be doing some thing when it isn't the proper time to fish so he has set up a little machinery for the grinding and cutting of agates. During the fishing season he gathers the stones and spends his spare winter time making sets, pendants and other pretty jewelry out of them.

Mrs. Hazel Burton is taking inventory of the Baker store while caring for that business during the absence of R. J. and wife in California.

A note from Gus Engstrom informs us that he has moved to 3668 Hill St., Huntington Park. We hope the weather is as good there as it is here Gus.

Patrolman Unger of the state police was a visitor here one day this week.

Stanley Krasow, who is farming east of Moro, spent the week end with his parents.

Card of Thanks  
We wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and their loving kindness at the death of our beloved husband and brother.

Julia Moore.  
Grace Bogue.  
Guy Moore and family.  
Maudie Gore and family.  
Anna Pettie and family.

Grass Valley School Notes  
By Dorothy Fairchild.

The Grass Valley ball team traveled to Kent last Friday, January 4. The midgets' game was very fast and well enjoyed. There seems to be some talent in the grades represented. The game ended with a score of 20-6 in favor of Grass Valley.

Following the midgets' game the girls played. The G. V. Sextette showed a decided improvement in their playing the preceding game. The forwards made many of their shots good, as a result when the final whistle blew, they were leading by a score of 16-4. Ellen Cox acted as captain.

Probably the most interesting game of the evening was that of the boys. It seemed that the weeks vacation did the Tigers good for the score with which they defeated Kent and quite a gap—43-9.

The lineup was as follows:  
Grass Valley (43) (9) Kent  
Vinton F (2) Mitchell  
W. Roth (8) F Schilling  
Stark (10) C Hellyer

Peters (8) G Howell  
J. Roth (7) G (6) Morrow  
Substitutions: For Grass Valley:  
H. Roth (9); Alsup; Young (1)  
For Kent: Crockett; Norton (1)  
Referee: Goddard.

Refreshments were served by Kent High school after the games. They were highly appreciated by the partakers.

The glee club, including both boys and girls, was organized January 4 in the High school. There were twenty two charter members. The officers elected were President Ferd Stark; vice president, Charlotte Beardsley; secretary treasurer, Marjory Blake.

A name for the new club could not be decided on so the president appointed a committee to make a selection from which one can be chosen. It was agreed that insignias would be purchased for the members. The Glee Club you know, is planning to give a minstrel in the spring under Mr. Davies leadership.

It is generally accepted that the games with Rufus this coming Friday will be exceptionally good. Mr. Hughes has asked that anyone who wishes to will submit a slogan. From those submitted Mr. Rowe will choose the one he thinks best and it will be taken with us. If we like the idea, we will continue the practice.

Having made a perfect introduction and conclusion to their works, each English IV class member is now endeavoring to make the body of his thesis as good as the first and last of it.

To have been within hearing distance of the Public Speaking class one day last week would have convinced any one that he was at Ceasars' funeral hearing the great Antony. Because ability to make the hearers feel as Antony's must have felt had much to do with the grades received, everyone tried to do just that and the result was amazing. The various members of this class have received their readings and will immediately begin work there on.

Before returning to their various institutions of learning, Hayes Boyce, Earle Shipley, and Phyllis Dickson remembered their old school with a visit last week. We have also had among our presence Kenneth Todd, Neva Gervais, and Willard Barnett during the last few days.

The coming Friday afternoon, January 11, will bring a debate between the non experienced members of that squad. Elton Eakin and Marjorie Blake will uphold the affirmative side of the question; and Lawrence Todd and Katherine Burton will be the negatives. The question is: Resolved: That the States should adopt a policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public elementary and secondary education.

The Girl Scouts held a meeting Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing new officers. Those who will fill the offices for the coming year are. President, Wanda Tiller; vice president, Thelma Fortner; and secretary-treasurer, La Vonne Alsup.

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Japan's Women Get Taste of Army Life



So that the women of Japan may get a better appreciation of the lives led by their husbands and brothers in the Japanese army, seven hundred specially selected women of the National Defense Women's league were invited to the camp of the Eighth Infantry regiment at Osaka. The women are looking on as four of them are shown how to handle the gas mask are handled.

The band has decided to give a concert on February 22 to raise money for their new suits. The entertainment for the evening will be a vaudeville and selections by the Band.

Kent News

Representative Paul W. Lynch and Mrs. Lynch of Salem, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Ida Davis Friday afternoon.

Miss Lillian Schassen and Mrs. Swansen of The Dalles were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Miss Viola Hansen of Moro was a guest of Pauline Davis here New Years day.

Maxine Pluenke spent last week end in Portland, as a guest of her aunt Mrs. Grant Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and son Robert were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman Monday were Clarice, Nellie and Chas. Wilson and Pauline Davis.

The play "For the Love of Mike" presented by Kent Grange Saturday evening January 5th was well attended. Dancing was enjoyed after the play and supper served at mid night by the Home Economic Club.

J. R. Dellinger who has been in the Dalles hospital for several weeks is improving, friends will be glad to know.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes and daughter Velma motored to The Dalles Thursday, where Miss Velma took the stage for North Bend where she teaches school.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES

by Margaret Dunlap  
The Kent teams were all down in the "dumps" at the close of the games last Friday night after they had played Grass Valley as the visitors carried away all three victories. The final scores were, grade school boys, 20-7; H. S. girls, 16-4; H. S. boys, 43-9. We are hoping for a triple revenge when the re-

turn games are played. After the games the boys served sandwiches and cocoa to the team. Another game will be played at Kent Saturday night when Wapinitia will be the opponents. The girls will not play as Wapinitia does not have a girl team.

During the week since Christmas vacation there has been a very noticeable number of absences from school due to sickness. The causes are mainly from bad colds and influenza.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades have named their Health Clubs as follows. Better to Beat, Happy Health Workers, and New Ways and Thoughts. The presidents are: Nellie Wilson, Geraldine Norton, and Aileen Gregg.

The Intermediate health club begin active work this week. The name they choose for themselves is The Twelve Busy Beavers.

The fourth grade geography class completed a picture map of Africa. It is gayly colored and hangs in a prominent place in the room.

Many pupils were absent the first few days of school after the holidays. Some are still unable to attend, but we hope to see their faces soon.

Tuesday morning the third grade received an average of 100 percent in spelling. This is the first time for it to occur this year. We gave them a cheer in hopes they would keep up the good work.

The pupils in the primary room are making a play cafeteria for part of their health work.

Carl von Borstel had his tonsils removed during the holidays.

Each of the pupils in the third grade is making a booklet on some subject they have studied in geography.

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